(d) whether the request contained in the last paragraph of the petition has been granted; and if the road referred to has not yet been improved and made safe for loaded cart traffic;

(e) whether immediate steps will be taken to improve it?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.— (a)Yes.

(b) Government do not consider that any public purpose will be served by placing the petition on the table.

(c), (d) and (e). The Member is referred to the answer to question No. 60.

The imposition of water-tax in Mattancheri.

171. Mr. A. B. Salem.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to impose water-tax in Mattancheri before water is made available throughout the town?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—The Mattancheri Municipal Council has resolved to levy water-tax when pipes are laid on the main roads.

Flood relief in Pallur and other Villages.

172. മിസ്റ്റർ. കെ. ശങ്കരൻ നമ്പൂതിരി.—(a)ജലപ്രളയം നിമിത്തം മണൽവീണ് തരിശായി കിടക്കുന്ന ഭൂമികളുടെ രക്ഷക്കായി പല്ലൂർ, ദേശമംഗലം, ചെറുവത്തൂർ ഇവ്വില്ലേജുകളിൽ വല്ല പ്രവൃത്തികളും ഗവൺമെണ്ട് ചെയ്യിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

(b) ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ എന്തെല്ലാമാണെന്നു പറയുവാൻ ഗവൺമെണ്ടിന് ഭയവുണ്ടാകുമോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ വി.കെ. അരവിന്ദാക്ഷമേനോൻ.—(a) ഉണ്ട്.

(b) 1. പല്ലൂർ ചിറ പൊട്ടിയ സ്ഥലത്തു മുളകൊണ്ടു തൈ തൽ ഉണ്ടാക്കി രണ്ടു നിര വെച്ചുകെട്ടുകയും.

2. പൊന്നാനി റോഡു ക്ര-ാം മയിൽ ന്യ-ാം ഫർലോങ്ങിൽ പുഴയുടെ ആക്രമണം കൊണ്ടു ഭൂമി എടുത്തുപോയ സ്ഥലത്തു മേലാൽ അപ്രകാരം വരാതിരിപ്പാൻ വേണ്ട സംരക്ഷണകർമം ചെയ്തുയും ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ട്.

The Kurumali drainage schemes.

173. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) what progress has been made in the investigation of the schemes for the proper and efficient drainage of the area on the southern side of the Kurumali river referred to in the answers to question No. 159 of 1102, Vrischigam session, of the Legislative Council;

(b) what are the reports of the officers deputed for the investigation of the same?

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Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) (1) Survey for the alignment of a canal to divert portion of the flood waters of the Manali river to the Trichur lake has been completed. Estimate of the probable cost of the work is awaited.

(2) The bridge at Chirakkal is being constructed with a larger ventway.

(3) The bridge at 9/3 of the Karuppadana road is proposed to be reconstructed with a larger ventway in 1103.

(4) Investigations for improving the 'Regime' of the Karuvannur river from Arattupula temple to Inchamudi are being made.

(b) An extract of the Chief Engineer's report on the scheme is appended. (*Vide Appendix I.*)

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—In Appendix (1) it is said that, when an opening is made at the place suggested, water naturally gets into the fields and floods the country. To my recollection, there were two suggestions to open canals, one near the Arattupula temple and the other higher up, just a few furlongs below the junction of the two rivers, at Palakkadavu.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Both these places are similar.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—The river at the place higher up goes by the fields.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Both are similar in regard to that also.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Am I to understand that that scheme has been given up?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I did not recommend these two schemes.

The Kunnamkulam Nayadi Colony.

174. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to inquire and state:—

(a) how the Government contribution to the Nayadi Colony at Kunnamkulam for the last two years have been spent; (a detailed account of the various items of expenditure may be kindly called for).

(b) what was the amount of Government contribution each year?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(a) Detailed accounts of expenditure for the years 1100 and 1101 are appended (*Vide Appendix II.*)

(b) Government contribution for the years 1100 and 1101 was Rs. 1,300 and Rs. 950 respectively.

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